

REMARKS

Applicants submitted, on October 12, 2006, an Amendment After Final which Applicants believed was fully compliant with all the applicable rules and regulations (and which was fully responsive). However, in the Advisory Action of October 25, 2006, the Examiner noted that the claim amendments were not, in fact, compliant with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(2). Applicants apologize for this inadvertent error and submit this supplementary response to correct it. Applicants respectfully request that the claim amendments be entered.

Supplemental Reply

This response is a supplemental reply to correct the deficiencies in the previously filed response. 37 C.F.R. 1.111 permits the Office to enter a supplemental reply if the supplemental reply is clearly limited to, among other things, correction of informalities (e.g., typographical errors), or simplification of issues for appeal. Applicants respectfully submit that this reply is enterable for at least these two reasons. This claim set corrects typographical errors in the previously submitted claim set, and this amended claim set has a simpler structure for appeal.

With regard to the matters raised in the Final Office Action, this supplemental reply is limited to correction of the deficiencies of the previous reply and is not and cannot be a complete reply to all the outstanding matters. This reply is supplemental to that filed October 12, 2006, and Applicants would ask the Examiner to refer to that reply in light of this supplemental reply for a full response to all the issues raised in the Final Office Action.

Claim Amendments

Claims 3, 4, 8 and 9 are amended. Each of these claims is amended to make it an independent claim while retaining the previous claim scope. For example, claim 3, which previously depended from independent claim 1, is now amended to include all of the elements from claim 1 thereby creating an independent claim 3 with the same scope as the previously dependent claim 3. The other three claims are likewise amended to retain their previous claim scope. No new matter has been included and, because the scope of these four claims has not been altered, no new issues are raised that require further consideration and/or search.

Reexamination and reconsideration are requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is also respectfully requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

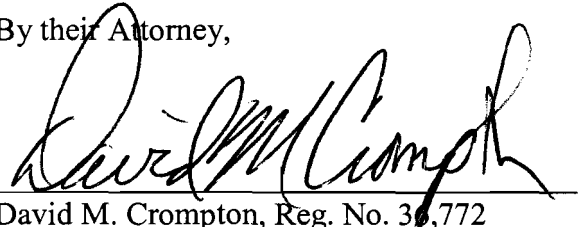
Respectfully submitted,

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